

Trio in court over marriage fraud

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Two officers of the Customs and Excise Department (C&E) and a woman appeared in the Fanling Magistracy today (Wednesday) after being charged by the ICAC for their alleged roles in a sham marriage to help the woman entering and staying in Hong Kong.

The defendants, who were charged yesterday (Tuesday), were Lee Hon-wah, 53, Acting Senior Superintendent of C&E; Lam Yui-keung, 46, Acting Chief Customs Officer of C&E; and Tong Xiaohong, 32, housewife.

They faced one joint count of conspiracy to defraud, contrary to Common Law.

No plea was taken today. Principal Magistrate Ms Woo Huey-fang adjourned the case to June 10 this year for plea.

The cases arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offence.

The charge alleged that between January 1, 2013 and November 14, 2014, the trio conspired together with another man to defraud officers of the Immigration Department (ImmD) by the said Tong and the man dishonestly entering into marriage in Hong Kong on March 4, 2013.

The charge also alleged that Tong and the said man subsequently falsely represented to the said ImmD officers that they were a married couple and Tong entered Hong Kong for visiting and reuniting with her spouse, thereby causing and inducing the said ImmD officers to grant Tong permission to enter and stay in Hong Kong.

Lee and Lam were each granted cash bail of \$50,000, while Tong was granted cash bail of \$3,000. They were also ordered not to interfere with prosecution witnesses and not to leave Hong Kong.

C&E and ImmD had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Raymond Yung.

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廉署起訴三人疑涉假結婚詐騙案今 提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴兩名香港海關(海關)人員及一名女子，控告他們涉嫌串謀安排及參與假結婚，以助該名女子進入及逗留在香港。被告今日(星期三)在粉嶺裁判法院應訊。

被告為李漢華，五十三歲，海關署理高級監督；林銳強，四十六歲，海關署理總關員；及童曉紅，三十二歲，家庭主婦。

三名被告於昨日(星期二)同被控一項串謀詐騙罪名，涉嫌違反普通法。

被告今日毋須答辯。主任裁判官吳蕙芳將案件押後至本年六月十日答辯。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

控罪指三名被告涉嫌於二〇一三年一月一日至二〇一四年十一月十四日期間，與另一名男子一同串謀詐騙入境事務處(入境處)人員，即童及該男子不誠實地於二〇一三年三月四日在香港結婚。

控罪又指童及該男子涉嫌其後向該等入境處人員訛稱兩人為已婚夫婦，而童進入香港是探望其配偶並與他團聚，從而導致及誘使該等入境處人員允許童進入及逗留在香港。

李及林各獲准以現金五萬元保釋，而童則獲准以現金三千元保釋。各被告並受命不得騷擾控方證人及不准離開香港。

海關和入境處在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員容禮明代表出庭。

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